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Dear Mr. Bass:

This letter is in response to your October 3, 1991 letter regarding the February 28, 1991 office action in the captioned case.

We recommend following your latter suggestion of further defining the composition. Accordingly, please cancel claims 2 and 4 and amend the remaining claims as follows:

Claim 1. (amended) A heat source for use in a smoking article comprising metal carbide, wherein the metal carbide is selected from the group consisting of iron carbide, aluminum carbide, titanium carbide, manganese carbide, tungsten carbide and niobium carbide, or mixtures of two or more thereof.

Claim 3. (amended) The heat source of claim 1 [2] comprising metal carbide and carbon.

In claims 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19 change the dependency from "claims 1 to 4" to -- claim 1 or 3 --.

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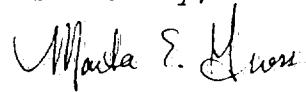
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TO John H. Bass, Esq.

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If you require any further information to prepare the response, I will be in our office until Wednesday afternoon, October 23.

Sincerely,



Marta E. Gross

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cc: Ms. Beverly A. Monroe✓

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